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In re

Patent Application of

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"FILAMENTARY MEANS FOR INTRODUCING  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 16, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed October 30, 2003, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections based on the following amendments and arguments. Applicants request that the previously filed amendments not be entered. This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time. Therefore the RCE and Response are timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.